

Castleshaw Valley Heritage Trail Guides

Take a step back in time to explore Saddleworth's Castleshaw Valley. Uncover the secrets in the landscape. Reveal hidden stories about an ancient burial mound, a Roman road, weavers and much more. What will you find out?

Using three trail guides, find out about the people who once lived here, how they made a living and how they shaped the valley over the centuries.

Download the trail guides from www.watershedlandscape.co.uk onto your smartphone or iPod. Versions you can print are also available.



Saddleworth Museum Archives

Trail Guide 1 - People and places

The Castleshaw Valley has been a focus for people for thousands of years. Who were these people? What were they like? What were they doing here?

Length - Approximately 2.7 kilometres (1.7 miles)

Time - Approximately 1 hour walk

Difficulty - Easy to medium. Some rough ground underfoot. One stile. Mainly follows well-kept tracks and roads.



Trail Guide 2 - Wool and workshops

For hundreds of years the woollen trade was the mainstay of the Castleshaw Valley. Find out how wool provided a good living for the people, and how it has left its mark on the landscape and buildings.

Length - Approximately 2 kilometres (1.24 miles)

Time - Approximately 40 minutes walk

Difficulty - Medium to hard. Medium uphill slopes. One very steep downhill slope. Rough ground underfoot.



Arrowhead from Gallery Oldham

Trail Guide 3 - Changing lands, moving people

How and why did people create routes across the Castleshaw Valley? Discover how people changed and shaped the land to create these ways.

Length - Approximately 2.9 kilometres (1.8 miles)

Time - Approximately 1 hour walk

Difficulty - Easy to medium. Gentle up and downhill slopes. Stiles. Rough ground underfoot on moorland.






Preserve the past and yourself

- Please protect the heritage of the Castleshaw Valley by leaving it as you found it
- Watch your step on rough ground
- Be prepared for all weather which can change quickly
- Take care when crossing busy roads
- Make sure you have a good map
- Make sure your dog is not a danger or nuisance to farm animals, wildlife or other people



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